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Country music stars The Bellamy Brothers will perform at the 2008 Wyoming State Fair with special guest Ashton Shepherd.

They will perform Wednesday, August 13, at 7 p.m. in the Grandstand Area of the Wyoming State Fairgrounds. Presale tickets are \$10. Tickets will be available the day of the show for \$15. All seating is general admission.

The Bellamy Brothers continue to prove that the trail they've ridden to fame has been as unique as their music itself-music that is now celebrating 30 years of success. The road that started on the pop music charts in the '70's, then took a winding turn into country music in the '80's. It was David Bellamy's songwriting that provided the duo a national breakout. The break came in the form of the hit, "Spiders & Snakes," written by David and recorded by Jim Stafford. The song became a smash, eventually selling more than three million units worldwide.

The Bellamys officially lifted off the launch pad in 1976 when their single, "Let Your Love Flow." By the late '70's The Bellamys were emerging on the country charts with another bona fide smash. "If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body (Would You Hold It Against Me)," originally scrawled on a dinner napkin by David, rocketed them to the top of the country charts the way "Let Your Love Flow," had done in the pop market just a few years earlier. It proved to be the first of a string of fourteen #1 singles in the U.S. alone.

Success followed success: "Dancing Cowboys," "Sugar Daddy," "You Ain't Just Whistlin' Dixie," "Lovers Live Longer," "Do You Love As Good As You Look," "Redneck Girl," "For All The Wrong Reasons," "I Love Her Mind," "I Need More Of You," "Old Hippie," "Too Much Is Not Enough," "Kids Of The Baby Boom," and "Reggae Cowboy" and "Crazy From The Heart,"...all have lined the corridors of the Bellamy's musical history and their walls with platinum and gold.

In the era of the 2000's, The Bellamy Brothers hold the record in both the Academy of Country Music (ACM) and the Country Music Association Awards (CMA) for the most duo nominations. Numerous Grammy nods have also been directed toward the brothers.

Now, The Bellamys are showing a new generation of country music how it's done, still playing 200 plus concert dates each year. David and Howard's latest effort has been the corroboration with thirty or more guest artists from all genres of music recording their vocals on over twenty of the Bellamy's greatest hits plus three new selections.

The pure, clear, country voice of **Ashton Shepherd** is fairly new to the country music scene. Raised in a rural Alabama town, Shepherd, who has been writing music since she was 14, arrived in Nashville in 2006. She won the title of "honky-tonk Cinderella" after completing her first album with legendary producer Buddy Cannon less than a year after arriving in Nashville. Her first single, "Takin' Off This Pain" is currently climbing Billboard's Hot 100 Singles Chart. Other songs on her debut album Sounds So Good include "How Big Are Angel Wings," "The Bigger the Heart, the Harder They Fall," "Lost in You," "Regular Joe," and "Pickin' Shed," All of the songs on the album were written by Shepherd before she turned 21.

For more information or to order tickets, please call (307) 358-2398 or visit www.wystatefair.com.

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